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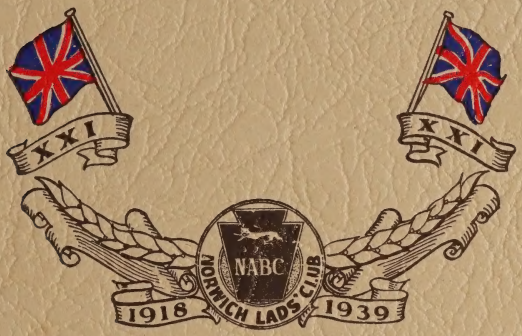

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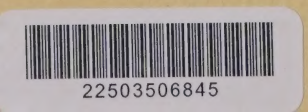
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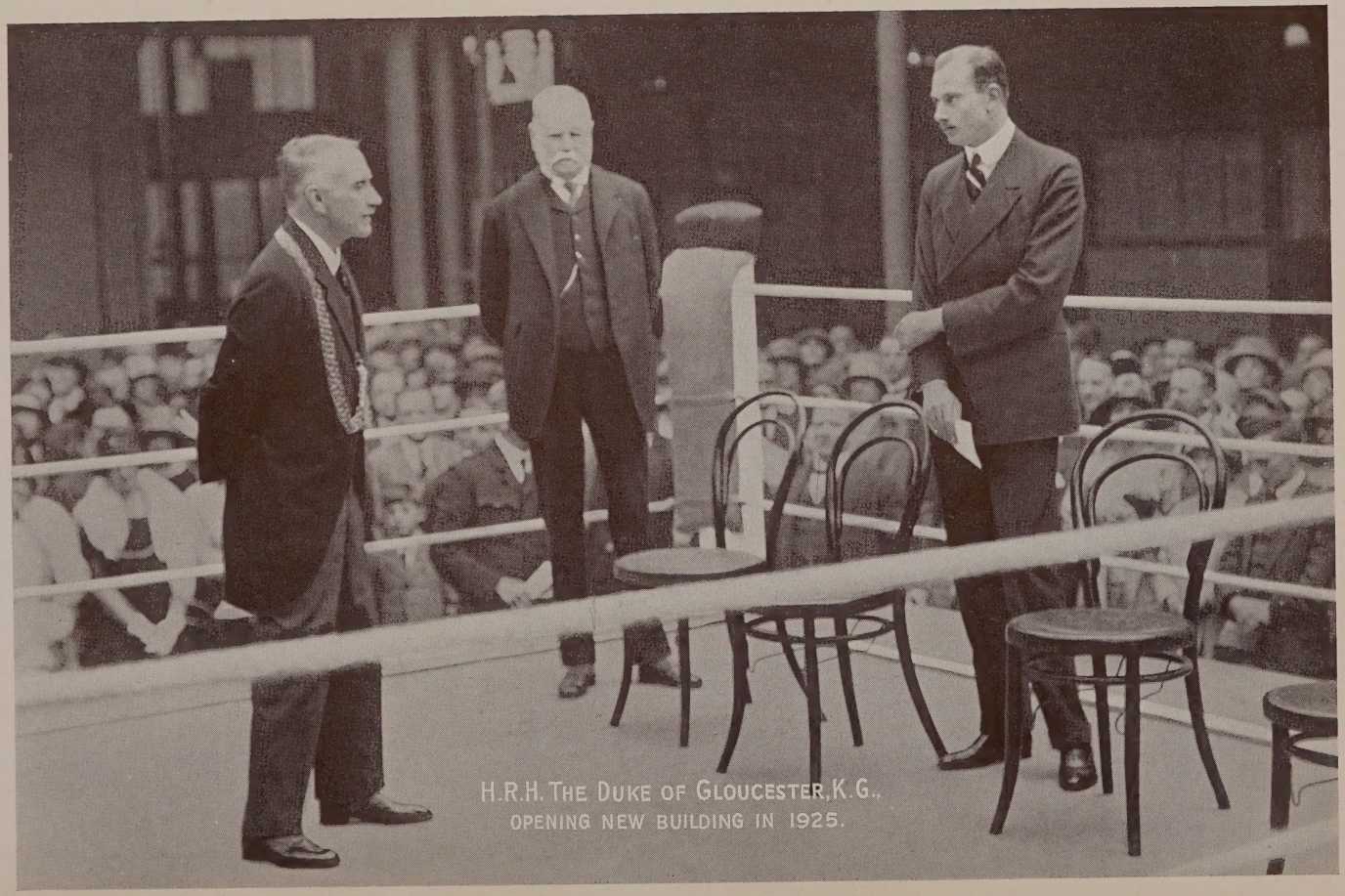

H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, K.G.,
opening new building in 1925.

NORWICH LADS' CLUB

(Affiliated to the National Association of Boys' Clubs)

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Manager	POLICE CONSTABLE TUDDENHAM
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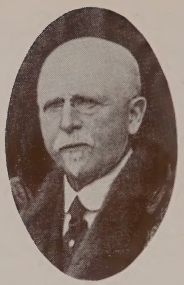

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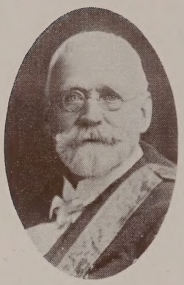

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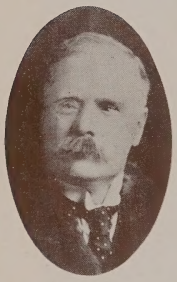

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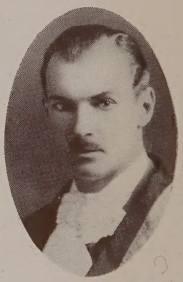

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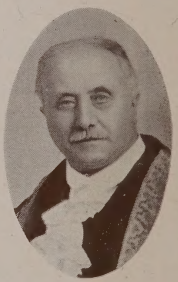

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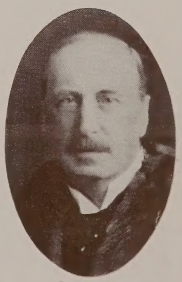

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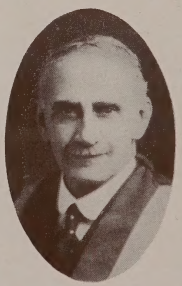

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Presidents

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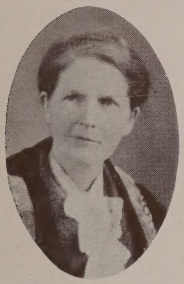

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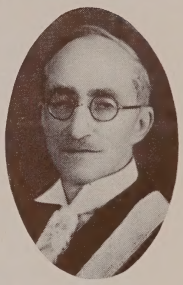

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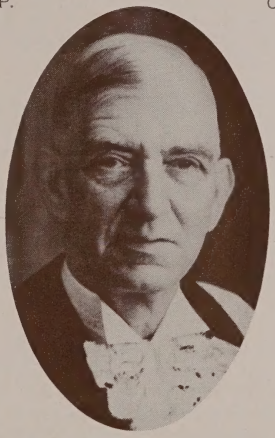

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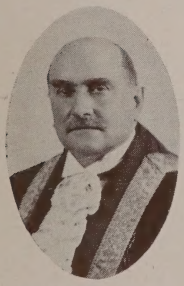

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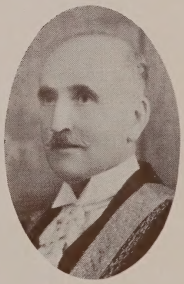

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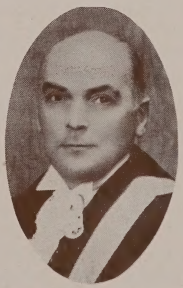

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The Inauguration and Development

IT was towards the end of 1917 that the Norwich City Police determined to make an effort to deal with the welfare of the lads of this city, and formed a Committee under my Chairmanship with the object of providing a recreative centre for working-class lads over the age of fourteen as an alternative to roaming the streets during their leisure hours. The idea had been in their minds for some time, and what set action going in the matter was the fact that a derelict building belonging to the Norwich Corporation, well situated in the centre of the City, became obtainable for the experiment at a nominal rent.

Practically the whole of the Force turned in on the job, and undertook in their off-duty hours to put the place in order. Erstwhile bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters, painters and others were discovered in their ranks; and these, with the willing help of their less experienced comrades, soon transformed the old premises into a comfortable Club without a farthing of expense being incurred for labour. Prominent employers and influential citizens became interested in the project; and material assistance, in money and in kind, came in sufficiently to make a good start possible. The premises consisted of two large and lofty rooms, well lighted and well appointed; one being equipped as a general recreation room and the other as a gymnasium with accommodation for about 200 boys. In addition a small theatre stage was erected under the careful supervision of one of the local theatre owners.

This, the first Club in the world to be organised by the police of a city for the poorest and often the roughest of its young citizens, was opened with civic ceremony by the Lord Mayor on April 8th, 1918. Steps had been taken to let the working lads of the City know what was being done. Handbills setting forth the attractions of the Club were distributed at every factory and workshop where lads were employed; and at the date of opening between 200 and 300 lads had been enrolled as members.

From the moment of its opening it went with a swing. Before the end of the year the membership had grown to well over a thousand, and its popularity with the lads was so great that the premises soon became quite inadequate to accommodate all who wished to become members. It became imperative to find new and more commodious premises. That is not an easy matter in the centre of a busy city, and it was not until 1924 that really suitable premises came on the market. By this time the value of the Club's influence was so widely known and appreciated that a public appeal for funds for the purchase and equipment of the new premises promptly brought almost £4,000 from all classes of citizens, and the Club's new home was ceremonially opened in June, 1925, by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester.

In 1934 the Committee was faced with the problem of replacing the existing roof on the premises. This was of glass and wood and in a very bad state due to water leaking through and rotting the wooden principals. In addition the problem of housing the Club's increasing membership and activities was causing serious thought. Land became available adjacent to the premises and it was decided to launch an appeal for funds and proceed with the repairs and additions.

The new roof, with its concealed lighting and pleasing decorative effect, has imparted an even more congenial atmosphere to the Club, and the new headquarters for the St. John Ambulance Corps, called the King George V Memorial Hall, erected on the adjacent land, has satisfied an urgent need. These improvements have cost close on £9,000.

The public responded splendidly to the appeal, but there still remains an outstanding amount to be made up.

THE CLUB PREMISES

The main hall is 154 feet long and 93 feet wide and is subdivided, a space 70 feet by 90 feet being laid out as a gymnasium and the rest accommodating boxing rings, dressing rooms, a canteen, a theatre stage with dressing rooms, the manager's office and main Committee Room.

Round two-thirds of this hall runs a balcony, some 31 feet wide, and this is subdivided into a library, General Recreation Room and Old Boys' Room.

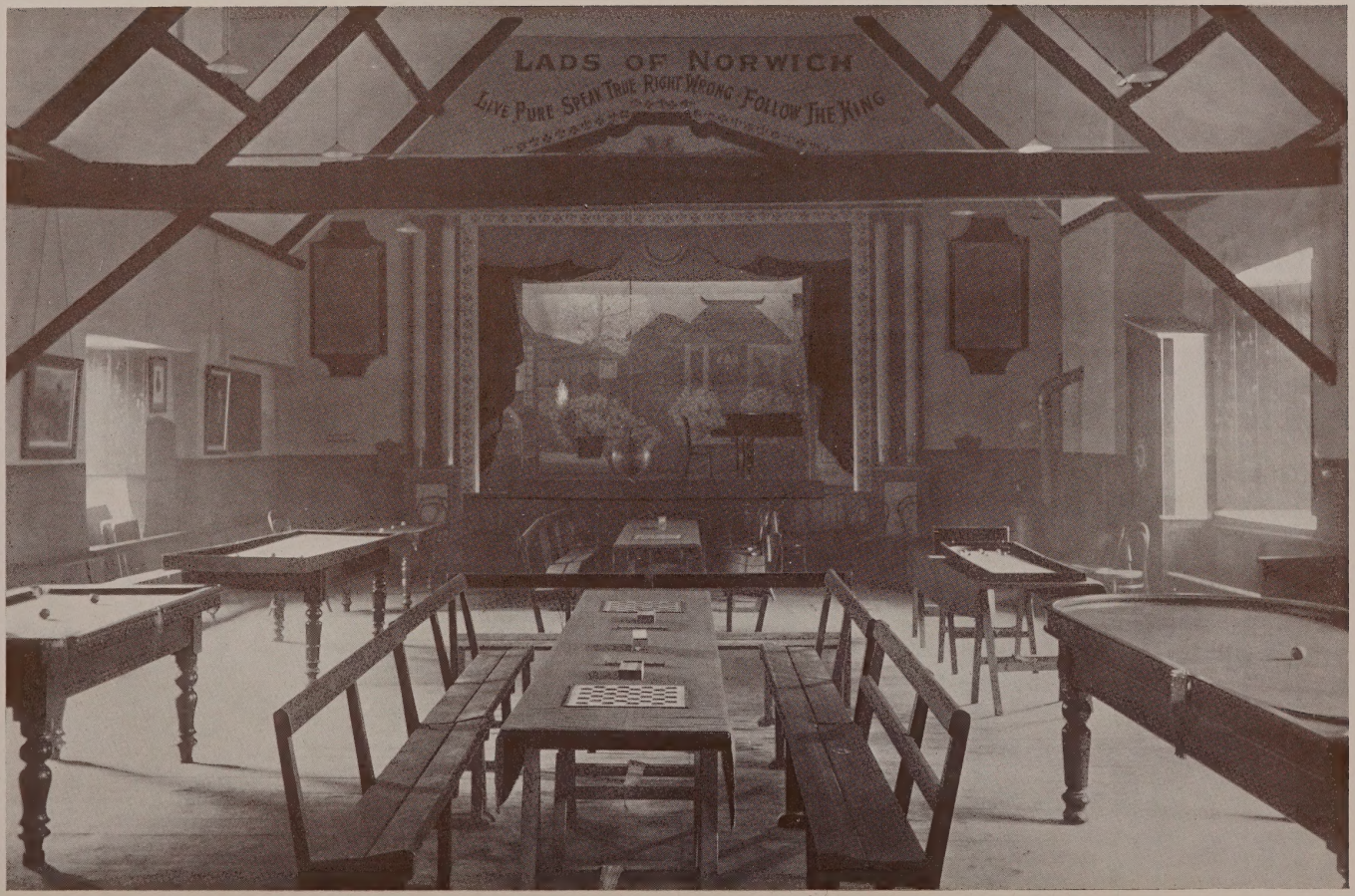
The basement houses a large lecture hall and band room, a small committee room, a bath room complete with plunge bath, foot baths and showers, a kitchen, various store rooms and the central heating apparatus.

The new St. John Ambulance Corps Headquarters consist of a main hall approximately one hundred feet by thirty feet, a committee room, doctors' room and two store rooms for equipment. This building has a separate entrance from the street and also a connecting door to the main club building.

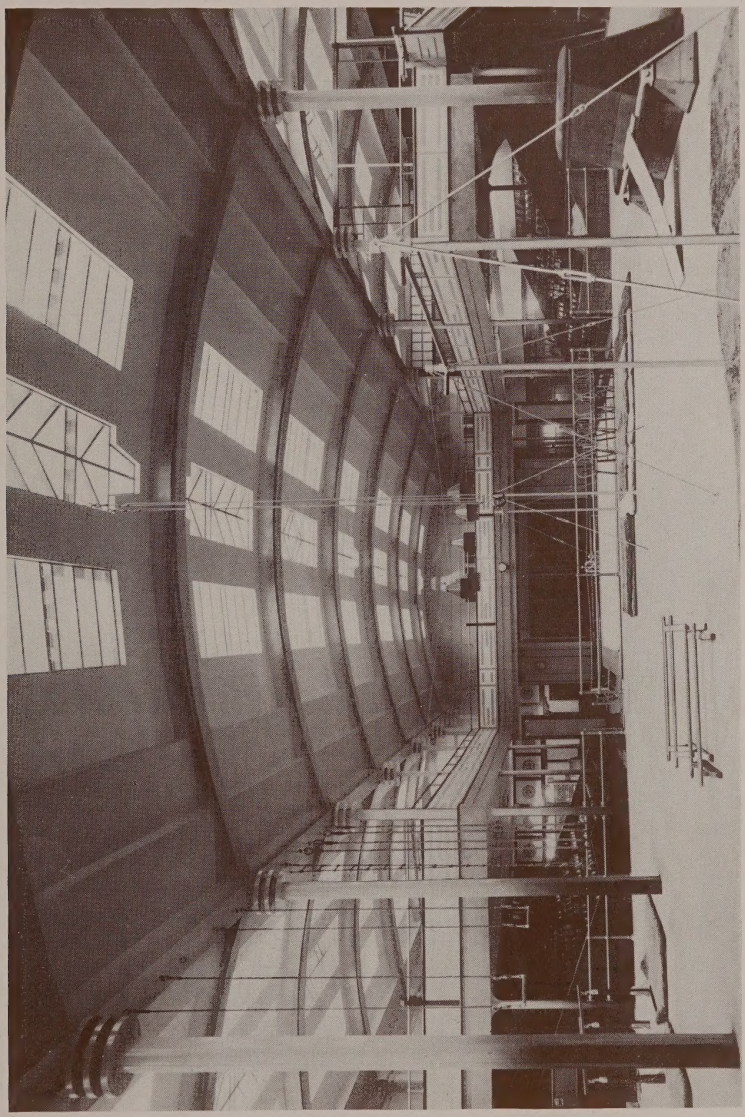
MANAGEMENT AND UPKEEP

Business firms and employers have come to regard membership of the Lads' Club as a good credential, and to use it as something in the nature of an employment bureau. All sorts of openings have been made for members of the Club, and the reports I get of them are splendid. The appreciation of our work by employers also takes the substantial form of regular assistance to the finances of the Club. From the boot and shoe employers alone we have received considerably over £2,000 during the lifetime of the Club. Our expenses, although in the total look heavy, are kept light in relation to the extensiveness of the work and the thousands of lads catered for by the fact that so much of the work is done voluntarily as a labour of love and loyalty to the Club.

At the outset the officers of the police force, by their personal service, reduced the need for actual money to a minimum. But as soon as the work began to be known, support commensurate to its needs—still at a minimum because of the continued personal service given by the police—was and has been regularly forthcoming; not merely from a few well-to-do people, but in small subscriptions from large numbers of people of limited means; in some cases through the sympathetic interest of local trade union leaders who see daily the benefit of the Club to the poorest life of the City. The Club has now a good list of regular annual subscribers, and its funds are augmented by donations from visitors, by the proceeds of dances organised by members of the Force and entertainments specially set aside for this purpose by the amusement houses of the City, and by the gate money at an annual football match between the Police and Special Constables, which is now regarded by the public as one of the local sporting events of the year.



Interior of old club showing stage.



Main Hall of present club.

The New Main Hall. King George V. Memorial Hall.

After the completion of the purchase of the new premises a deed of trust was prepared, and the Club and gymnasium conveyed to trustees under the provisions of the trust. It is provided that the premises shall remain vested in the citizens, and in the event of the police ever deciding not to continue active interest in the Club, the City Council shall be invited to decide what shall be done in the matter.

One provision of the trust is that membership of the Club shall remain free. That has been a condition from the beginning. The Club is entirely free and open to any lad between fourteen and twenty-one years of age. The only condition imposed is in the pledge which each member signs on his membership card : " I promise that, with the help of God I will endeavour to be honest, straightforward and manly in all my daily life ; and that I will do all I can to promote the best interests of the Club." Apart from this, there are no hard and fast rules and regulations, the aim being to give the widest freedom consistent with good behaviour. There have been about twelve thousand lads enrolled as members since the Club's inception and the ordinary nightly attendance is from six to seven hundred ; with much larger numbers on the many special occasions.

The Management Committee of the Club is representative of all ranks in the Police Force, with the Lord Mayor as President, the Chief Constable as Chairman, the Deputy Chief Constable as Vice-Chairman and the Chief Inspector as Hon. Secretary. But that is for general management only. The many sectional activities of the Club are under Committees of the members themselves, who make their own arrangements for sports matches—cricket, football, billiards and the rest, and many of the Old Boys act as instructors and helpers in these various activities. The general work of Club organisation and supervision is carried on by the police in their off-duty hours, and so far from there being the slightest difficulty in obtaining this help, there is keen competition in the various ranks as to who shall carry on the work of the Lads' Club.

ACTIVITIES

Physical Training.—This has always been one of the primary interests of the Club since its inauguration in 1918, and it is interesting to note that nearly twenty years afterwards the vital importance of physical fitness is being urged from all sides and some support given to those organisations working for that object.

The Club gymnasium is fully equipped with every form of apparatus. Instruction is given under the direction of police officers and senior members assist with the junior boys. Some of these senior members also attend at village clubs in the role of instructors. During the year displays are given, not only at the Club, but at fetes, sports, garden parties, etc., throughout the County and reports are continually reaching me of the appreciation shown of the boys' prowess.

Boxing.—This is an extraordinarily popular activity ; so popular that it takes three nights to decide the Annual Club Competitions, and as evidence of the interest taken, by subscribers and parents and friends of the boys, I might say that over 7,000 tickets were issued for the 1938 Display and then the demand was far from satisfied. Organisation of this Annual Event is undertaken by members of the police force and when volunteers are asked for to fill the posts of stewards, etc., the whole force and several pensioners send their names in to the Secretary.

Here again the training is under the supervision of a police officer, who is assisted by some of the older members. A splendid competition ring is a permanent feature of the Club and various boxing notabilities have expressed the opinion that it is one of the finest in the country. There are also two collapsible practice rings, punch balls and other necessary apparatus.

Cricket and Football.—These sports naturally take a prominent place amongst the activities of the Club and the lads do very well in the local Junior leagues. The football section during the 1937-8 season carried off three important trophies against quite formidable opposition.

Swimming.—Under the guidance and instruction of members of the police force a large number of the lads have been taught swimming and life saving and in 1938 the membership of this section totalled over 300 Five 1st Class Instructors' Certificates, 23 Awards of Merit and 78 Certificates and Bronze Medallions of the Royal Life Saving Society have been gained by members. Seventeen boys have been rewarded by the Royal Humane Society for saving life.

Many trophies for swimming, water polo, diving, etc., have been won by members at galas all over the Eastern Counties and at the present moment the Norfolk Diving Championship, the 200 Yards Breast Stroke Championship of Norfolk, and the 100 Yards Free Style Championship of Norwich, are held by members of this section.

First Aid.—Members of the Club have formed a Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and two medical practitioners in the City give great personal interest and help in their work. Two senior members in full uniform attend every night at each theatre, music hall and cinema to assist anyone requiring first aid ; and similar attendances are made at football matches and other functions at which large crowds assemble.

Band.—A band was established shortly after the Club was formed and now has a membership of forty players. They are offered many more engagements than any single band could undertake, and for some years they have been engaged by the Norwich City Council for performances in the public parks ; their services are frequently given free to all sorts of charitable organisations.

The Library.—The library is equipped with comfortable furniture, good lighting, and is specially screened off by glass partitions which serve to preserve the Club atmosphere and yet give the measure of quiet, conducive to enjoyment of the books. Over 4,000 volumes are provided and these are all classified and sub-divided into " Fiction " and " Non-Fiction." The " Non-Fiction " is particularly comprehensive and the librarian, who is a police officer, states that the books in this particular section show far more signs of use than the " Fiction." This, I think, is a particularly pleasing sign. The lads are not allowed to take books away but have the free run of all the shelves while the Club is open.

In passing I must mention the splendid assistance given by the Carnegie Trust to the extent of £200 worth of new books and the helpful advice rendered by the City Librarian on many occasions.

Junior Police Force.—Some of the boys, who have been referred to by the Press as the " Junior Police Force " render valuable assistance to the Police on special occasions when there are large gatherings of the public by acting as messengers, carriage callers, etc. They are supplied with special uniforms for this purpose.

Miscellaneous Activities.—Provision is made for general recreation in the form of billiards, bagatelle, darts, draughts and other games, the balcony being subdivided to provide for older and younger boys.

Some of the members have co-operated with the Police Force and produced several entirely original plays and entertainments.

Sacred concerts, in which the Club band and some of the principal local artistes take part, are held on Sunday evenings in the Club premises, and so popular have they become that attendances generally reach upwards of one thousand young people who would otherwise have been parading the streets.

RESULTS AND TESTIMONIES

Having given you some idea of the Club and how it is run, it is with the outcome of it all—both for the lads themselves and for the general life of the City—that I am now concerned and especially with the aspect of it which arises from the police initiative in carrying it on.

That particular aspect of it must, I think, be of quite special interest; for while the general beneficial results of such work will be admitted without doubt or question by practically everybody, the point as to whether police initiative in carrying it on, and police association with its administration, is a factor which contributes any special quality or advantage to the work, is one which I am sure must have arisen in many of your minds. I want to put to you, in that connection, a very emphatic claim that this police association with the work is a factor of great usefulness and importance, and that it adds to the general results of such work amongst lads, by whoever carried on, certain advantages which could probably not be secured in any other way.

I need not tell you—you all know it as well as I do—that the average lad, taking his leisure and seeking excitement in the street with his companions, has a predisposition which may not be definitely formulated in his mind, but is certainly there in a very real, even if subconscious way, to think of the police as of something hostile to the spiritedness of youth. There is a sense of antagonism, a feeling that the police exist to suppress and keep a suspicious eye on him; and that it is part of the game of a spirited youth to "plague the bobby" by any means that can be practised without getting into actual trouble. He looks upon the police as belonging to a different sphere in the life of the community from that of his own pastimes and recreations.

I claim without hesitation that the association of the police with the work of the Norwich Lads' Club, with its thousands of members, represented in every factory and workshop in the City, has created quite a new atmosphere and a new outlook in this respect. For you must remember that the Club does not preach to the lads. Nothing sets up a mood of antagonism more promptly in such lads than the suspicion that they are being got at for the purposes of moral improvement, and that whatever is being done for their recreation is only a medicated device for such moral improvement purposes—a sugar coating with a pill inside it. Boys are very quick to detect and to shy off from such devices, however ingeniously you may try to conceal them. The work done in the running of the Club is based absolutely on our belief that the moral sense of the lads themselves is naturally and intrinsically good if it gets a fair chance; that is not something which needs to be preached or ingeniously and subtly injected into them, but is there in themselves only needing opportunity for its own healthy growth and development. The innate instincts of fair play, good sportsmanship, and observance of the square deal in association with one's fellows, are the natural qualities of the vast majority of boys, and what the Club does is to give its members the opportunity of clean and healthy physical exercises and recreation in a jolly atmosphere of good comradeship and emulation, and to leave the good results to follow naturally of themselves.

When the lads of a town find themselves associated with the police in their recreational activities and excitements in this wholly natural and unmedicated way, it is inevitable that it should create a new atmosphere. It gives the lads a mental attitude of mutual helpfulness with the police and what the police stand for in the life of the community, and links up their recreation with perceptions of good citizenship, not only in the minds of the lads who join such a Club, but of the general lad population as well. I consider that this kind of understanding in place of the old sense of suspicion and hostility is a factor of the greatest importance in making for good citizenship, and I can speak with the certainty of experience as to its being forthcoming as a result of the police association with this work, always provided that it is done in the spirit which I have tried to indicate to you.

On the other hand, it is all to the good for the police themselves. The work is an education which enables them to bring a wider understanding to their official work and its human relationships to the community in whose service they are. From every point of view, therefore, the evidence is conclusive that the direct association of the police with this form of social service gives an added effectiveness to it, whether that effectiveness is measured by its advantages to the lads, to the police themselves, or to the general tone of the life of the district in which it operates. So far as the police are concerned, their job clearly is not to make business for themselves, but to assist and foster every tendency in the right conduct.

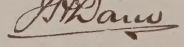
After all, as Mr. J. R. Clynes once said when he was Home Secretary and official Head of the Police Services of the United Kingdom, " It costs £60 a year to put a boy in a Borstal Institution " and keep him there. It is far better and cheaper to spend a lot less than that in keeping a boy out " of Borstal by providing for him rooms and space and opportunities for recreation, for sport, for " study, for the development of his mind and of his character."

Let me now pass from these generalizations on the subject to the actual testimony of the facts themselves. For after all, however much one might be inclined to theorize about it, the final test of all such work as this must be in the observed and ascertained results.

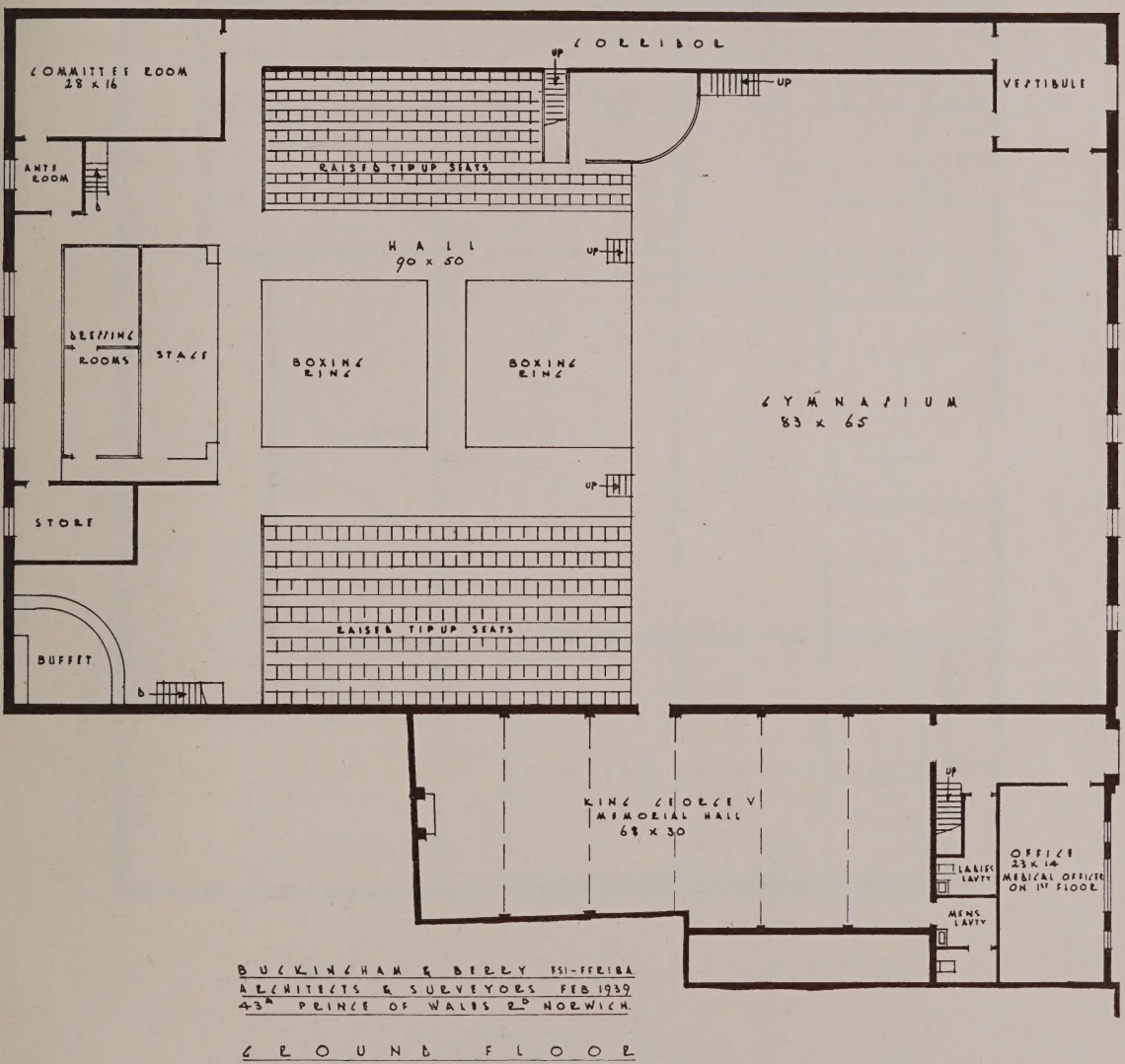
The statistics relating to Juvenile crime in the City of Norwich show how real the influence of the Club has been as a preventive service. In 1913, the year prior to the War, ninety-six children and young persons under the age of sixteen were charged at the local Police courts, and these figures were maintained at about the same level till 1919, when they were reduced to forty-five. In 1922 they had fallen to twelve, and the figure has remained round about that low level with very slight fluctuations up and down ; as low as seven in 1923, and as high as eighteen in 1928 ; while in some years not a single young person has been sent to either a reformatory or industrial school. This is in a population round about 130,000, with much industrial congestion, a good deal of chronic unemployment, and many unwholesome housing conditions, poisonous to healthy growth for the young generation.

We keep a close record and touch with our old boys. Not only have they been successful in this country, but most satisfactory reports are received from all parts of the world about them. Incidentally quite a large number of them have entered the police service, and I have yet to hear of any of them who have done so and are doing other than well.

It will be readily acknowledged that the sports and athletic activities of the Club in particular tend to engender and foster clean living and clean mindedness. The physical deterioration of so many young people has its beginning in aimless loafing and the temptations of the streets at night. Give these lads good gymnasia, emulative and strenuous games, and physical health and strength and clean living become a matter of pride to them. This pride in keeping fit lays the foundations for life of habits of self-respect and self-government. The lads of to-day are the good men and healthy citizens of to-morrow in the making.



Chairman, Norwich Lads' Club.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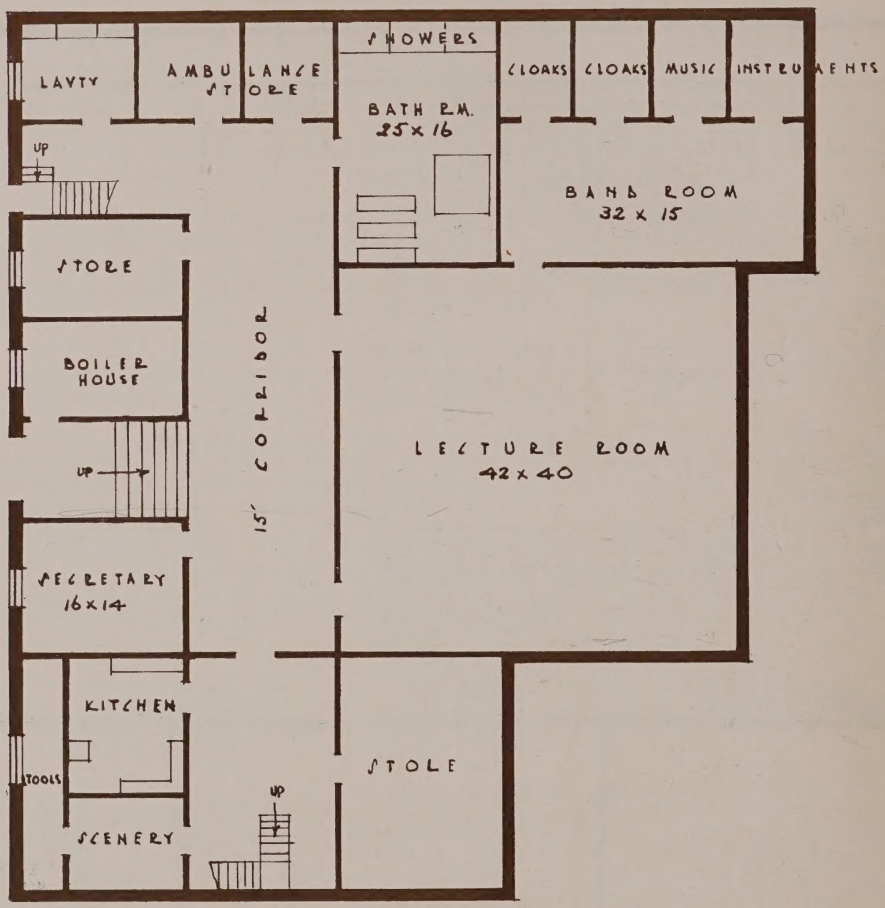

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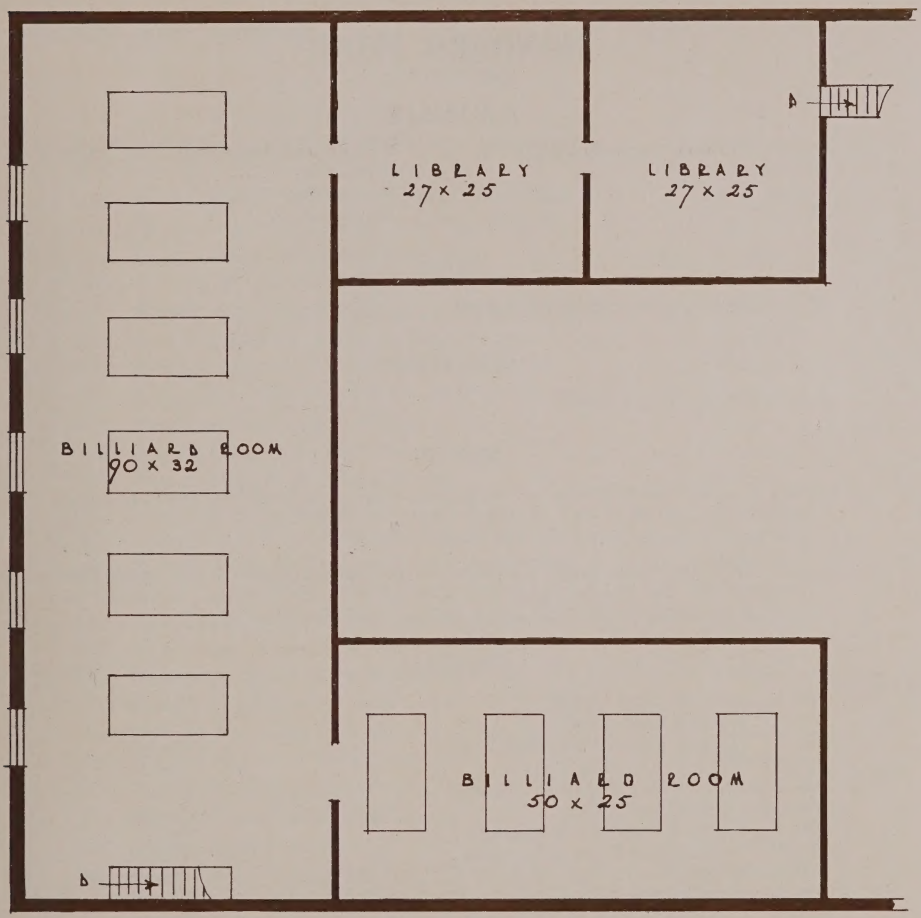

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HONOURS WON

BAGATELLE

1930–31	Norwich Bagatelle League	Winners and Runners-up (Two Teams)
1932–33	,, ,, ,, ...	Runners-up
1935–36	,, ,, ,, ...	Runners-up
1937–38	, , ,.	Runners-up

BAND

1937	32nd Annual National Band Festival	Fourth

BILLIARDS

1936	Norwich Billiards League	Winners

BOXING

The Norwich Lads' Club have won the Club's Open Amateur Competition, open to amateurs between the ages of 17 and 21 years, weight not exceeding 10 stone 7 lbs. every year since its inauguration, with the exception of 1920.

"Ginger" Sadd, the Middleweight Champion of the Eastern Counties Area, and Official Contender for the Middleweight Championship of Great Britain, commenced his career as a member of the Club, and is still an "Old Boy" member.

FOOTBALL

1920–1	Norwich Lads' League	Winners
1921–2	Norwich Lads' League	Winners
1922	Norwich Mercury Challenge Trophy	Winners
1929–30	Norfolk Junior Cup	Finalists
1929–30	Norwich City & District League	Winners
1929–30	Bungay Charity Cup	Finalists
1930–1	Catton & District Junior League	Winners
1930–1	Norwich City & District League	Winners
1930–1	Bungay Charity Cup	Winners
1934–5	Norfolk Primary Cup	Winners
1934–5	Catton & District Junior League	Winners
1935–6	Norwich City & District League	Winners
1935–6	Gill Memorial Shield	Joint Holders
1936–7	Norwich City & District League	Winners
1936–7	Catton & District Junior League	Winners
1937–8	Catton & District Junior League	Winners
1937–8	Gill Memorial Shield	Winners
1936–7	Hethersett Charity Cup	Finalists

HONOURS WON (continued)

SWIMMING

1934	Norwich & District Water Polo League	Winners
1935	Norfolk County Men's Breast Stroke Championship	Winners
1935	Norwich & District Water Polo League	Winners
1936	Norfolk County Men's Breast Stroke Championship	Winners
1936	Norfolk County Men's Team Race Championship	Winners
1936	Norwich Men's Individual Diving Trophy	Winners
1936	" Claremont " Inter-Clubs Swimming Shield	Runners-up
1937	Norfolk County Men's Breast Stroke Championship	Winners
1937	Norfolk County Men's Diving Championship	Winners
1937	Norfolk County Men's Team Race Championship	Winners
1937	East Anglian Swimming League—Northern Section	Winners
1937	Free Style Championship of Norwich	Winners
1937	Norwich Men's Individual Diving Trophy	Winners
1937	Norwich Men's Team Diving Trophy	Winners
1937	Great Yarmouth Hospital's Water Polo Cup	Winners
1937	" Claremont " Inter-Clubs Swimming Shield	Winners
1938	Norfolk County Men's Breast Stroke Championship	Winners
1938	Norfolk County Men's Diving Championship	Winners
1938	Norfolk County Men's Team Race Championship	Winners
1938	" Claremont " Inter-Clubs Swimming Shield	Winners
1938	Norwich & District Water Polo League	Winners
1938	Norfolk & Suffolk Water Polo League—Division II ...	Winners
1938	East Anglian Swimming League—Northern Section	Winners
1938	Norwich Men's Free Style Championship	Winners
1938	Norwich Men's Individual Diving Trophy	Winners
1938	Norwich Men's Team Diving Trophy	Winners
1938	Beccles Water Polo Cup	Finalists
1938	Great Yarmouth Hospitals' Water Polo Cup	Finalists

A few noteworthy dates in our Twenty-One Years of Welfare Work

1918 Friday, 8th March, 1918. St. George's premises were opened at 7.30 p.m. for any lads who wished to come.
The Lord Mayor, Mr. Richard Jewson, J.P., opened the premises with Civic Ceremony on the 8th April, 1918.

1920 The Club's Seaside Home at Gorleston was opened on 15th May.

1924 Central Heating installed at new premises under re-decoration.

1925 Deed of Trust completed.
New premises opened by H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester in June.
Present premises opened to members on 10th August.

1927 Carnegie Library Fund supplied £100 worth of books.

1929 First Annual Swimming Gala held at Wensum Baths.

1930 Seating galleries erected.
Presidents' Box installed.

1931 Visit of Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. J. P. Clynes, M.P.
Further grant received from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.
St. John Ambulance Headquarters adjoining Lads' Club.

1932 Corps of " Carriage Callers " inaugurated.
First Annual Boxing Contest between two members of the Cambridge University Boxing Club.

1933 Visit of Norwich Round Table.
Kitchen and workshops erected in basements.
Sunday Evening Concerts inaugurated.
Loud speaker equipment installed throughout Club.

1934 Visit of No. 5 District of Chief Constables.
" Story of Club in pictures " published.
Swimming Section won Norwich & District Junior Water Polo.

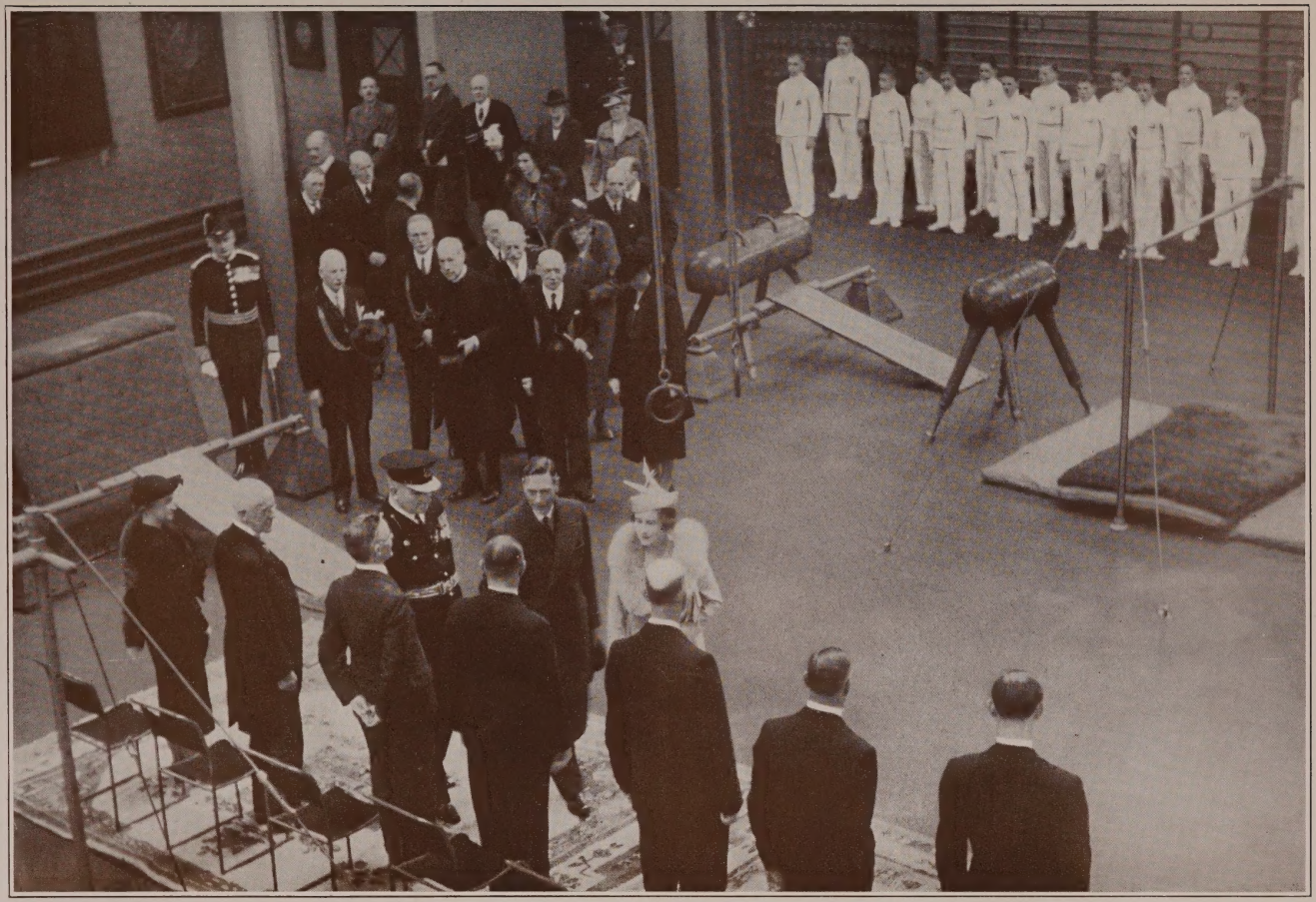
1935 No. 67 King Street purchased.
Visit of Norfolk Fire Brigade (C) Association.
British Association for the Advancement of Science Conference. Section E used Club as Headquarters.
" Old Boys " sent present to H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester on the occasion of his marriage.

1936 Tender accepted for erection of new roof.
No. 69 King Street purchased.
The Lord Mayor of Norwich (Alderman W. A. Riley) laid the Inscription Stone of the King George V Memorial Hall.
Grant received from local King George V Memorial Fund.
Order for erection of King George V Memorial Hall and new building given.
Diving apparatus installed.

1937 Grant received from Jubilee Trust Fund, through the National Association of Boys' Clubs.
Presidents' Box enlarged.
Opening of King George V Memorial Hall on 27th May, by the Lord Mayor (Alderman H. Frazer).
Visit of Trades' Union Congress.
Club Band obtained Fourth place at the 32nd Annual National Band Festival at Alexandra Palace.
Qualified Masseur engaged at Club.
Front of premises re-decorated.

1938 Committee and Doctors' Rooms at King George V Memorial Hall panelled.
Tender for laying down maple flooring for the gymnasium accepted.
Visit of Their Majesties The King and Queen on 19th October.

1939 Police National First Aid Eliminating Competition held at Club.



Their Majesties' inspection of the club on October 29th, 1938.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE :

"I promise that, with the help of God, I will endeavour to be honest, straightforward and manly in all my daily life; and that I will do all I can to promote the best interests of the Club."

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